Sl. No.	Name of States	Demand of Fund	Allocation*
16.	Manipur	578.95	200.00
17.	Meghalaya	444.75	200.00
18.	Mizoram	525.14	200.00
19.	Nagaland	180.10	100.00
20.	Orissa	4401.63	1000.00
21.	Tamil Nadu	—	300.00
22.	Uttar Pradesh	2620.00	800.00
23.	Uttaranchal	492.00	100.00
24.	West Bengal	1500.00	600.00
	TOTAL :	24893.65	9100.00

*Funds are allocated on the basis of the overall availability of funds, assessment of damages by Ministry's officers and for temporary restoration of the damages.

Funds for constructing roads in Andhra Pradesh

2335. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for allocation of funds to take up the road connectivity to minor ports of Gangavaram, Krishnapatnam and Vodarevu from NH-5;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the steps taken by his Ministry to release the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An allocation of Rs. 84.76 crores was requested for taking up these works.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh was informed that since the roads connecting the above-mentioned ports to NH-5 are not National Highways, no funds can be allocated for development of these roads by the Ministry. Further it was informed that the State

Government could consider funding the development of these roads under the Central Road Fund (CRF).

Development of roads in Uttar Pradesh

2336. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of developmental works to be undertaken on various National Highways in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the time schedule for completion of the works; and

(c) the details of the fund sanctioned, released and utilised for this purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Widening to two/four lanes, strengthening, improvement of riding quality, construction of major/minor bridges, construction of bypasses and introduction of road safety measures are some of the works taken up on National Highways.

(b) Development of National Highways is a continuous process.

(c) During the last three years, a sum of Rs. 771.84 crores was allocated and Rs. 739.08 crores was spent for development of National Highways in the State. During this period, 25 km. length was widened to two lanes, 230 kms. 2 lane length strengthened, 15 km. length widened to four lanes, 3 bypasses, 2 major bridges and 8 minor bridges were constructed. Work of four laning in a length of 633 km. is in progress.

Upgradation of roads

2337. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cement roads, though costing double than that of asphalt roads, are long lasting and is cost effective solution to National Highways; and

(b) if so, why Government are not following advice of the expert agencies to go for a long term solution to road problem?